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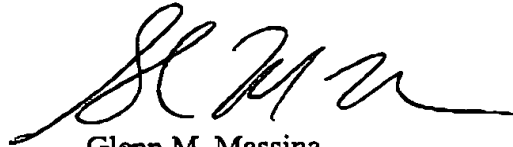
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Sir:

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Abandonment mailed June 16, 2003. A copy of a Response along with a transmission report showing proper transmission of all seven pages on February 10, 2003 is attached. While applicant respectfully submits that the response was timely (February 8, 2003 falling on a Saturday), it is also noted that the Transmittal Letter included a request for an extension of time and authorization to charge such fees in the event an extension was necessary.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, entry of the February 10, 2003 Response, and reexamination and reconsideration of the November 8, 2002 Office Action are respectfully requested.

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